



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
FIRE DEPARTMENT  
FIRE PREVENTION DIVISION**

## **OPEN BURNING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

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Article 1, section 105 of the Los Angeles County Fire Code states... a permit shall be obtained from the Fire Prevention Division prior to engaging in the following: ... to conduct open burning. Where burning is conducted on public property or the property of someone other than the permit applicant, the permit applicant shall demonstrate that permission has been obtained by the appropriate government agency, owner, or owner's authorized agent. When limits for atmospheric conditions or hours restrict burning, such limits shall be designated in the permit restrictions. See Section 1102.3. Additional requirements may be applicable.

Notification Prior to commencement of open burning, the Fire Department shall be notified and a permit obtained. It shall be unlawful for any person to build or maintain or cause or permit to be built or maintained any open or outdoor fire not in compliance with such permit. When required, a permit from the South Coast Air quality Management District shall be obtained before the Fire Department permit is issued.

Material Restrictions Open burning of rubbish containing paper products is prohibited.

Time and Atmospheric Restrictions Open burning shall only be performed when time and atmospheric conditions comply with the limits set forth in the open burning permit.

Location Open burning shall not be conducted within 50 feet (15240mm) of any structure or other combustible material. Conditions, which could cause the fire to spread to within 50 feet (15240mm) of a structure, shall be eliminated prior to ignition. Exception: Clearance from structures and other combustible material is allowed to be reduced as follows: Not less than 15 feet (4572mm) when burning is conducted in an approved burning appliance. Not less than 25 feet (7620mm) when the pile size is 3 feet (914mm) or less in diameter and 2 feet (610mm) or less in height.

Fire-Extinguishing Equipment A garden hose connected to a water supply or other approved fire-extinguishing equipment shall be readily available for use at open-burning sites.

Attendance Burning material shall be constantly attended by a person knowledgeable in the use of fire extinguishing equipment required by Section 1102.3.7 and familiar with the permit limitations which restrict open burning. An attendant shall supervise the burning material until the fire has been extinguished.

Discontinuance The chief is authorized to require that open burning be immediately discontinued if the chief determines that smoke emissions are offensive to occupants of surrounding property or if the open burning is determined by the chief to constitute a hazardous condition.

Open Fires A person shall not build, light, maintain or cause or permit to be built, lighted or maintained, any open outdoor fire, or use or cause or permit to be used, any open outdoor fire for any purposes except:

1. When such fire is set or permission for such fire is given in the performance of the official duty of any public officer and the fire, in the opinion of such public officer, is necessary for the purpose of the prevention of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by any other means or the instruction of public employees in the methods of fighting fire.
2. When such fire is set pursuant to permit on property used for industrial or institutional purposes for the purpose of instruction of employees in the methods of fighting fire.
3. When such fire is set in the course of any agricultural operation in the growing of crops or raising fowl or animals.

4. On a public beach area owned, managed or controlled by the county as otherwise permitted by the code.
5. In a county-owned park or recreation camp as otherwise permitted by this code.
6. Bonfires permitted by the chief.
7. Cooking, recreational or ceremonial fires on private property with a maximum fire area of 9 square feet (0.84m<sup>2</sup>) in locations outside of hazardous fire areas.

Designated Open Fire Areas The chief is authorized to designate places on private property, with the permission of the owner thereof, or upon any public road, or within any public park, or upon any public land, where open fires may be built. The chief may place or cause to be placed signs or posters on or at such premises indicating the place or limits where such fires may be built and maintained without further permission, provided, however, that it shall be unlawful to leave, or cause or permit to be left, any fire burning in such place. Before leaving such place, such fire shall be thoroughly extinguished and completely covered with dirt in such manner as to adequately prevent such fire from burning thereafter.

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